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The Commission addressed significant issues as to Chapters 10 and 11 of the Charter.

As to Section 10-6, it was the consensus of the Commission that the words “office,” “agency” and “departments” were superfluous and tend to lead to uncertainty, and therefore they should be deleted from the Charter.

As to Section 10-6(b), the Commission was of the view that, since the Treasurer did not have or need an “authorized agent,” that designated authority should be removed from the Charter. According to the present Charter, the Town Manager shall act in the absence of the Treasurer.

The evolving consensus (although not final) of the Commission was that there should be a provision for emergency expenditures. The precise language for such a provision was to be considered at the April 11 meeting.

As to Section 11-2, it was the consensus of the Commission that its terms should be consistent with those of Section 3-11. Commissioner Hornish agreed to address the compatibility of these two sections at the April 11 meeting.

As to Section 11-3(a)(5), the evolving consensus (although not final) of the Commission, was that the threshold for a real estate acquisition should be raised from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

As to Section 11-3(c), the evolving consensus (although not final) of the Commission, was to consider providing some flexibility with respect to the utilization of a “paper” or “secret” ballot instead of mandating a “machine vote.”

As to Section 11-4(b), there was some discussion among the Commission as to whether such a provision, that would allow a town meeting to increase an appropriation beyond that which was authorized by the Board of Finance should remain in the Charter. The resolution of the issue was deferred.

As to Section 11-5, the Commission expressed a concern as to the need for clarification, and Commissioner Migliaccio agreed to propose appropriate clarifying language for consideration at the April 11 meeting.